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1. JP H07-116128
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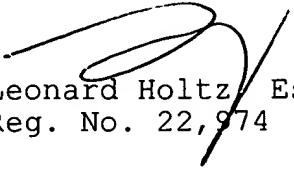
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Commercially available English language Abstracts are provided for each of the above identified Japanese documents, except for JP 63-222738 and JP-S62-253031. JP 63-222738 and JP-S62-253031 were filed in an old form, and did not contain Abstracts . Therefore, attached to a copy of JP 63-222738 is a translation of portion of page 2 of the specification and attached to a copy of JP-S62-253031 is a translation of the claims of the invention claimed in JP-S62-253031.

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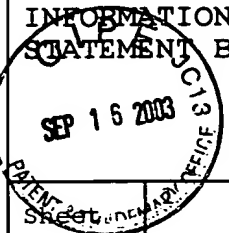
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